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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: ITU: D-1 POST (COOK POSITION)

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1. MISSION LEARNED THAT SYG MILI WILL BE OUT OF TOWN
FROM EVENING DECEMBER 13 TO JANUARY 7. MEETING BETWEEN
HIM AND PROVENCHER THUS OBVIOUSLY IMPOSSIBLE. MILI'S
OFFICE HAD NOT MENTIONED POSSIBILITY OF ABSENCE BEFORE;
IT EVIDENTLY RELATES TO SUDDEN PERSONAL MATTER.

2. DSYG BUTLER WILL RETURN ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15
AND WILL CHAIR COORDINATION COMMITTEE MEETING ON MORNING,
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16. WE HAVE LEARNED FROM SEVERAL
SOURCDS (INCLUDING PERSONNEL DIRECTOR BARDOUX, HIMSELF A
CANDIDATE) THAT BUTLER WAS VERY FAVORABLY IMPRESSED WITH
PROVENCHER FOLLOWING THEIR MEETING ON NOVEMBER 25.

3. ACCORDINGLY, WE RECOMMEND THAT IF PROVENCHER
AVAILABLE IN DEPARTMENT ON DECEMBER 13, JOHN O'NEILL OF EB/TD
PHONE MILI BEFORE COB HERE (NOON WASHINGTON TIME), INTRODUCE
PROVENCHER ON PHONE AND ALLOW THE TWO TO CHAT IN FRENCH.

4. SINCE FOREGOING WAS WRITTEN, BARDOUX CALLED TO ADVISE
THAT MILI JUST INFORMED HIM HE MAY RETURN TO HIS OFFICE
FOR ONE DAY, DECEMBER 23. SUGGEST POSSIBILITY BE RAISED
IN PHONE CALL TODAY OF HIS MEETING PROVENCHER ON DECEMBER 23. CATTO
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